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Garfield is resigned, and is very much ahead.

General Grant didn't seem to have that motto in his mind, "tell the truth and shame the devil," when he wrote the Jones letter.

Platt begins to learn that it is a disagreeable thing to be hatched on to another man's coat-tail. It isn't pleasant, and it doesn't pay.

You can get any kind of news you want from Albany in regard to the Robertson-Conkling matter. Each side has the most cheering reports.

It is claimed that Rev. John F. Adams, of the New Hampshire conference, is the oldest Methodist minister in the world. He is 91 years old, and has been in the ministry 69 years. The Rev. Alfred Brunson, of this State, now living at Prairie du Chien, is 89 years old, and has been actively engaged in the ministry for 66 years.

There will be some 350,000 or 400,000 copies of the Revised New Testament thrown on the market and issued to subscribers, by the end of this week. So far the book is controlled by the Oxford University, in England, and this large number of copies will be furnished by that institution. But within a few hours, or days at most, after the Oxford edition is given out, there will be reprints in this country sold for the thousands, all the way from 5 cents to \$20.00 a copy. It is thought that the Revised New Testament will not be adopted by the churches, generally, for some time yet, as the public will desire to give it a pretty thorough examination before substituting it for the old.

The indications from the seat of war at Albany, are these:

Conkling won't accept a re-election under any circumstances.

The "half-breeds" have no show to defeat Conkling.

Conkling is politically dead.

Robertson will hereafter be the great leader of the party in New York.

Conkling is figuring for a re-election.

There is no hope for Conkling in the Legislature. He will lack forty votes of a nomination.

Conkling is a bigger man than ever and will wield more power in New York than ever before.

Mr. Conkling will stand for re-election and will carry the Legislature against "half-breeds" and Democrats.

He is disgusted and sick of politics, and will stay out of the Senate.

The stalwarts are jubilant over the flattering prospects for Conkling's re-election.

The stalwarts are discouraged and demoralized.

The Republican party in New York, is in a precarious condition.

The Republican party in New York is like a strong man to run a race.

The Conkling men are mad over the situation.

The administration Republicans are a sorry set of men. They see no hope, and are disgusted.

The Conkling men are in the dark, and it is getting darker for them.

The Robertson men are blow-hards, and are small in number and weak in strength.

Robertson's friends will carry the day. Every day it is getting more favorable for Conkling.

As time passes the chances for Conkling's re-election are growing decidedly worse.

There is less enthusiasm among the "half-breeds" to-day than yesterday.

There is more confidence expressed among the "half-breeds" to-day than at any time since the resignations.

Mr. Conkling will go right on and work for the Republican party with all the strength he can command.

No one need expect Mr. Conkling to put himself to the trouble of working for the party. He has sulked, and will stay sulked.

These are specimen bricks from Albany. They meet every case. There is something to give hope to every faction. It is like the Indiana saloon keeper's barrel, from which could be drawn beer, ale, whisky, brandy, or anything else that was wanted.

Another man of color has come to the front again. Ex-Senator Bruce, of Mississippi, whose term in the United States Senate expired on the 4th of last March, has been appointed Register of the United States treasury—the most important position ever occupied by a colored man under an administration. When the nomination was made by President Garfield and the question of confirmation came up in the Senate, Senator Lamar of Mississippi, one of the most ultra of Democrats, but with a gentleman of many fine parts, rose in his seat to say that the appointment was an honor to Mississippi, and he asked as a personal favor that the confirmation be made by a unanimous vote, which was done. Mr. Bruce came out of slavery, educated himself, served six years in the United States Senate, is now Register of the treasury, and is still a young man. He was born of slave parents in 1811, in Virginia, and went to Mississippi in his boyhood. The war gave him his freedom, and when the rebellion closed he was sergeant-at-arms of the State Senate for two years, Sheriff of Bolivar county for four years, a levee commissioner for three years, and in 1875 was elected to the United States Senate. He has collected considerable means, his wealth being estimated at \$200,000. A few years ago he married a lady at

Cleveland, who, though having negro blood, can hardly be distinguished from a white woman. She is finely educated, exceedingly beautiful, dresses with as good taste as any woman in Washington, and moves in the highest society, and is very popular. Mr. Bruce in color, is probably a quadroon, well built, very modest in his habits, unostentatious in his bearing and speech, and is a man of rare intelligence. He and Mr. Frederick Douglass, who also holds an important position under the government, are honored representatives of the colored race in this country.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

**The Political Situation in Albany and New York.**

**Collector Robertson Goes to Washington for Instruction in the Coming Contest.**

**He Will Have an Interview with the President and Secretary Blaine.**

**Senator Conkling's Friends Will Rally in New York City.**

**The Final Batch of Nominations Confirmed by the Senate.**

**The Senate Gives the Vice President a Unanimous Vote of Thanks.**

**And at 5:30 O'clock Last Night Adjourned Sine Die.**

**The First Edition of the Revised New Testament Thrown Upon the Market.**

**A General Rush for The Book at the New York Publishing House.**

**The Leading New York Clergy Hesitate About Accepting It for Pulpit Purposes.**

**Death of the Great Railroad King, Thomas A. Scott.**

**Other Interesting State and Miscellaneous News Items.**

## SITUATION AT ALBANY.

ALBANY, May 20.—No change of importance has taken place in the senatorial situation since last night. There will be a lull in the fight here now for a couple of days, as the Legislature has adjourned until Monday night. The majority of the members and the lobbying politicians have left the city. The hotels are deserted, and the leaders of both sides have gone away for consultation and to perfect their programmes of action. Judge Robertson started for Washington early this morning, ostensibly to confer with the President about assuming the duties of the collectorship, but in reality to obtain the advice and counsel of Garfield, Blaine and the other administration leaders, and to adopt a line of policy for the coming contest. It is understood that he goes as the special messenger of the administration forces here. The leaders of that faction held an informal conference last night, at which the whole situation was discussed, and shortly after its close Judge Robertson started on his journey. Speaker Sharpe, John F. Smythe, State Treasurer Wendell, Attorney General Ward, and the lesser machine-men took the cars for New York this afternoon. Before starting they all expressed themselves as totally in the dark about Conkling's plans. It is supposed a stalwart conference will be held in New York Saturday or Sunday, when Conkling, Platt, Arthur, and the prominent men of that faction will be present.

## SENATOR CONKLING.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Senator Conkling has gone, and with the appearance of a man who was going for good. An intimate friend of the Senator's whose word may be taken as in a measure authoritative, remarked to-day that Mr. Conkling really made a bona fide resignation, without heed of the consequences to himself, politically. He considered that a crisis in our system of government had arrived. He held that it was his sworn duty to exercise his best judgment in advising and consenting relative to the President's nominations. When Robertson's name was sent in he received the protest of some 7,000 business men of New York, asking him to oppose it. It was forthwith announced that this was to be considered a personal matter by the President, and that it would be deemed just cause of offense should any one oppose it. Mr. Conkling had never been quoted as saying a word against the nomination, although it was probably understood that he would exercise his right to oppose it. He was surprised that his course should be regarded as hostility to the President. He had opposed probably fifty of President Grant's nominations during his term of office, and had never thought of being understood as being hostile to the administration; nor was it so considered by the President.

## THE SENATE.

**The United States Senate Adjourned Sine Die at 5:30 O'clock Last Night.**

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The Senate adjourned this afternoon at 5:35 o'clock sine die. The closing of what has been, in a political point of view, one of the

most important sessions of the higher branch of the National Legislature was marked by no striking episode nor impressive scene. Soon after the Senate met it went into executive session, and remained within closed doors until a few moments of the hour of its adjournment. Mr. Harris having taken the chair, Mr. Pendleton offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate are due and are hereby tendered to the Vice President for the courtesy, ability, and impartiality with which he has presided over the deliberations of the Senate during the present session.*

The galleries were empty, and the session ended with as little fuss as if the Senate had only adjourned over until tomorrow. The customary formality of selecting a President pro tempore was omitted because the Democrats happening to be in an accidental majority, were loth to take advantage of that fact for party purposes. The Democrats have certainly treated their opponents with courtesy since they regained control of the body by the resignations of Messrs. Conkling and Platt. It was in their power to have tabled the resolution offered by the Republicans at the beginning of the dead-lock for the election of new officers, but seeing that the Republicans were certain to resume control of the body after the vacancies from New York had been filled, they refrained from complicating matters by tabling the Republican resolution.

It is doubtful if the old ticket, headed by Gorham and Riddleberger will ever again be pressed to a vote, because the friends of the administration object to the criticisms made by Gorham of the President, of which he is editor. It is difficult to say what the effect of the failure of the Senate to elect Riddleberger will have on the politics of Virginia. The Republicans have shown by every means in their power a disposition to stand by Mahone in his fight against Bourbonism. The accomplishment of the end sought to be gained would have been much more satisfactory to the Republicans, but they claim that the agitation of the question and the disposition shown by the administration and its friends to destroy the Bourbon domination has greatly aided their cause. Before the Senate meets again the issue will be decided by the voters of the State. Had it not been for the contest raised over the organization early in the session it is doubtful if a change would have been made in the collectorship of the port of New York. If the complication caused by this appointment could have been avoided neither of the Senators from New York would have resigned. It is doubtful, too, if the struggle over the Senate offices would have ended at this time if the Senators from New York had not resigned.

## THE NEW TESTAMENT.

**The Enormous Sale of the Revised Edition—The Opinions of the Clergy.**

NEW YORK, May 20.—The sale of the revised New Testament to-day has been simply enormous. At precisely 6 o'clock this morning J. K. Funk & Co. sold the first single copy of the Oxford edition which was disposed of at retail. Its purchaser has been waiting patiently for daybreak and went away happy in the possession of his prize. Other persons who had also been besieging the doors of the publishers' house, with the object of becoming the owners of the first single copies to be sold, eagerly bought up the volumes. Similar incidents occurred in the early morning in the store of Thomas, Nelson & Sons, who, however, were obliged to immediately discontinue retail sales, in consequence of the multiplicity of orders from the trade. Business with the latter was opened at 4 o'clock a. m., from which hour until midnight sixteen clerks and salesmen worked like Trojans taking orders and putting up packages.

NEW YORK, May 20.—The position which the revised New Testament occupies in the estimation of the clergy may be fairly judged from the views of a number of the leading representatives of the various denominations in this city which have been obtained in interviews this afternoon and evening by the New York Times. While there seems to be a general readiness to recognize the scholarship displayed in the work, there is also manifestly a little hesitation about accepting it, for the present at least, for pulpit purposes. Protestant Episcopal congregations must content themselves with the King James version until authorized by the general convention to substitute for it the new revision.

## COLONEL THOMAS A. SCOTT.

**He Passed to the Other World at an Early Hour This Morning—Sketch of His Busy Career.**

PHILADELPHIA, May 21.—Thomas Alexander Scott, ex-president of the Pennsylvania and Texas Pacific railroads, died at an early hour this morning of paralysis, aged 57 years. He was born in London, Franklin county, Pa., and entered the service of the Pennsylvania railroad in 1850, succeeding J. Edgar Thompson as president in 1874. In 1881 he was appointed assistant secretary of war, having charge of military transportation. In 1874 Colonel Scott failed, but settled with his creditors in full. At the time of his death his wealth was estimated at \$17,000,000. When the Union Pacific railroad was in trouble, he came to its relief and became the head of the corporation. The Pennsylvania Company which manages the railways west of Pittsburgh, embracing four thousand miles, was entirely directed by his master mind. Venerably called him the greatest railroad officer that ever lived.

## THE FINAL BATCH.

WASHINGTON, D. C. May 20.—The Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Wallace B. White, of Maine to United States Attorney for Idaho.

James C. Weeks, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Louisiana.

Albert W. Bash, of Indiana, to be Col-

lector of Customs for the District of Puget Sound, W. T.

Thomas J. Jordan, of Pennsylvania, to be Indian Agent at the Ponca Agency, I. T.

Woodford, Tenney, McDougall and Knox, for the New York Attorneyship and Marshalls.

Scotfield, Judge of the United States Court of Claims.

Charles A. Gould, Collector of Customs for the District of Buffalo.

John F. Dravo, Surveyor of Customs, Pittsburgh.

Jonathan H. Gray, Collector of Customs, Alexandria, Va.

United States consuls—John B. Glover, of Indiana, at Havre, France.

George F. Mosher, of New Hampshire, at Nice, France.

William B. Wells, of Michigan, at Rotterdam.

M. B. Warton, of Georgia, at Sonneburg.

E. H. Rogers, of Nebraska, at Vera Cruz.

H. S. Kaley, of Nebraska, at Chemnitz.

Postmasters—Benjamin Darlington at Pa.; D. Watson, at Sparta, Ill.; Pressley Lang, at Palmyra, Mo.; John B. Nicholas at Denton, Tex.; John F. Haynes at Round Rock, Tex.

Eljah A. Stone, Indian Agent for the Fort Hall Agency, Idaho.

## MRS. PRESIDENT GARFIELD.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Many inquiries are received at the White House daily as to Mrs. Garfield's health. Visitors who come invariably inquire about her and there is much sympathy expressed by our citizens. This morning there was no special change in her condition from yesterday, with the exception of a slight gain in strength. She was quite comfortable.

## TIRED OF LIFE.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 20.—George W. Murphy, formerly an assistant in the office of the clerk of court, but afterwards cashier of the city banks, made a determined effort to-night to commit suicide. He told several of his friends that he had concluded to kill himself, but they took no notice of what he said, believing him to be jesting. Soon afterward he went to a drugstore and obtained a quantity of morphine. He then went to a lawyer to make his will, and wrote to his wife, who resides a few miles from the city, informing her of his determination, after which he went to his room and took a large dose of the fatal drug. When discovered an hour or two later he was barely alive. He was a major in the army, is about 50 years of age, and has several grand-children. He is well known throughout the State. No motive for the rash act is known. He told one of his friends to-day that he was tired of life and desired to die. He had been drinking considerably of late, which may have unsettled his mind.

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## Profits of Boot-Blacking.

From the New York Times.

The philosopher who declared that it required brains to black boots well might have added that boot-blacking well conducted is anything but an unprofitable business. At least this must be the conclusion of those who know anything about the earnings of a well-situated boot-black in a large city. There is one young man in New York who does the "business" for the better of a certain downtown restaurant, and who does not think he has done an average day's business unless his receipts for his eight working hours amount to at least \$3. And, moreover, he is an exceedingly independent young man, will black boots for no one who does not treat him civilly, indulges in a month's vacation each Summer, patronizes the opera, and discusses them, if not always dispassionately, in regard to tenor and prima donna. Still another of the fraternity—a youngster hardly well in his teens—was the other day heard to exclaim, with a grand air, to a fellow toiler in another field, "Pshaw! I couldn't be hired to sell newspapers." Now comes a story from Albany, in this State, to the effect that a boot-black in that city has saved \$2,500 from his earnings of the past eight years, besides paying his mother, for the greater portion of the time, board at the rate of \$8 a week. With such examples before them, it is to be wondered at that the hundreds of young and able-bodied men who have again their time away on the benches of the city parks could find some more profitable employment.

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# THE GAZETTE.

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## MARGARET'S BURGLAR.

You want to know all about my visit to Claire last summer, do you, girls? Who'd have thought that timid little dove we used to dandle over so unmercifully would have given us the slip, and got married! Yes, married; with a home of her own, and here we are still at school and likely to be here for some time longer. But she's from the South, and Southern girls often get married at sixteen; but sixteen was preposterous considering that it was Claire. Why, she's nothing but a baby!

I was invited to her wedding last September, but could not go, so when the summer's vacation came, she would take no refusal. I must come, and make the acquaintance of darling Max—her husband, Mr. Gordon—and see Linwood, the pup who was sealed in the world, and the holidays must be spent with her.

Papa shook his head. Mamma tossed her's, and said, "It is impossible, Margaret, to think of sending you all that distance without a protector."

But I disposed of these objections. Claire had written that her uncle, Mr. Lockwood, "the nicest old gentleman in the world," who had gone north on business, would stop in Clinton for me, on the homeward route. So the domestic was sealed, and I was on the cars, and rushing south almost before I had time to think.

I could hardly realize that it was really me, on my travels, about to visit strange countries, and to see the dearest little girl in the world. I always loved Claire, you know, though I did have to scold her about her ridiculous cowardice. I could never have a bit of patience with her, when she went into a fright if a mouse ran across the room, or a bat flew through the window. But I've learned a lesson since that time.

Nothing happened on the journey, only Mr. Lockwood was just the nicest of escorts. At every station he got me fruit and cakes, and he had many number of new magazines for me to read. We were nearing Linwood when he said to me, laughing:

"Do you know, Miss Bradford, we will reach Linwood the day before you are expected. I only just found out that I was mistaken in the day of the month, and that this is the eighteenth instead of the nineteenth. There will be no carriage for us, and the station is at least five miles from Linwood, and six from my home—you know I am Claire's nearest neighbor."

"What will we do?" I asked.

"Oh, we will probably pick up a vehicle of some kind near the station. Friends may be there, or the farmers around have good spring-carts."

There was a carriage waiting at the station for a friend of Mr. Lockwood's, who did not come on the train, and Mr. Lockwood appropriated it.

"What a delightful surprise it will be to Claire, Miss Bradford. There she is, in her flower-garden, now," he said, as we approached the house.

I looked, and there was Claire, sure enough, prettier than ever. I never saw such a look of surprise and delight in any one's face as when she turned and saw me. She gave a scream, and flew to the carriage, and between us both we managed to knock Mr. Lockwood flat to the ground, as he stood ready to assist me from the carriage.

"After that terrific assault I'll get away," he said, laughingly, as he jumped into the carriage and was driven to his own home.

"How do you like it?" I asked.

"Oh, I really believe I'm worse. That is the only thing Max ever scolds me about. He says I'm a little goose, and that some foolish fright will kill me yet. He's heard all about you, and how brave you are, and how we called you Captain Fearnaught at school. He expects no end of good from your visit here. But I am a coward through and through, and it isn't a bit of use to think of reasoning me out of it."

I did not think there was much in trying to make Claire brave. It could hardly be done unless her whole nature was changed. That would have been a pity, for a sweeter, more lovable little fairy never lived. Since her marriage, too, she had put on funny little airs of matronly dignity, which made me think of a mocking-bird curving its neck and sweeping about like a swan.

What a delicious day that was! We roamed about, investigating everything, and I admired Linwood to the delight of its little mistress. She led me to my room, beautifully furnished, with a flower-garden just below, at which I gazed with rapture.

I tell you, girls, you can only fully realize the effect of color when you see one of those semi-tropical gardens. The whites are so radiant, the crimsons, scarlets and yellows so vivid, that they dazzle you. Somehow they seem to smite your vision as if they were real flame-lances. Then I suppose the sun and sky have something to do with the dazzling effect.

My room was in the second story, and the windows, looking out on a small balcony, opened to the floor. I leaned over it, admiring the gorgeous crimson flowers of a vine—a species of Aristolochia which ran up to the balcony, and twined around the balusters. It was a strong, large vine, like a cable, and with a strange freak of nature had twisted itself in and out, till it looked exactly like a ladder, rounds and all.

For worlds, but you like to do daring things, and I've heard you say at school there was nothing you'd like better than to sleep in a haunted room."

Now that I was likely to realize my foolish wish, I couldn't say that I particularly enjoyed the prospect. But I had a character for bravery to support—a very inconvenient thing I've found it—and it wouldn't do to show the white feather; so I quietly said:

"A real haunted room, Petite? Honorable or bright now, is it the genuine article, or a humbug?"

"Well, it was the room of Max's grandmother. She was a very hard, stern woman, and for some misconduct drove one of her sons from the house. He went to the land entirely then, committed a crime, and while the officers of justice were after him, he galloped up to Linwood and went to his mother's room. He said a few bitter, reproachful words to her, and then shot himself before her eyes. She never got over the shock, and became almost imbecile."

Day after day she would sit at that window muttering and pleading to some invisible presence. The servants, who are very superstitious, said it was her son's ghost, for sometimes she would utter a sharp cry, and call out his name. She was found dead one morning in her chair. Of course the servants pretend that they can hear all kinds of sounds in here about midnight; but that's nonsense, for Charlie, that's Max's brother, always sleeps in this room when he visits us, and he says he has never heard a sound or a sense."

"Oh, then he's driven the ghosts away?" I laughed.

"I dare say," Claire said. "Now you know, Mag, I don't really believe in such things, but all the same I'm just as much frightened as if I did. Now Charlie would just suit you, for he laughs at everything. He is visiting us, and wanted to see you so much, dear; but his father sent for him this morning, and he had to go. He'll try and come back to-morrow, and I do want you to like each other so much."

I hardly heard her, for to tell the truth, my mind was going over and over the details of the tragedy I had just heard. Putting the haunted question aside, it doesn't make a room more cheerful, does it, to know that a suicide and heartbreak have occurred in it?

"Oh, how grave you look!" Claire cried, throwing her arms around my neck. "Perhaps you don't like to be in a room after all I've told you. There's another one as large and comfortable just next to mine, but I chose this because I knew how you loved flowers, and the view from the balcony is so fine; but you shall not stay here."

Of course I was not willing to submit to such an ignominious defeat, and lose all my laurels at once. I declared that I would occupy that room, and no other, whilst I was in Linwood.

"I knew you'd prefer it," Claire said, kissing me, "and I told Max so. He said it would be a pleasure to meet a girl who wasn't forever screaming and trembling at nothing, and he did hope I'd try and initiate you a little. Charlie said he didn't believe there was a girl or woman in the world who wouldn't crack her throat screaming and lose her head in a moment of danger. He declared that if they're quiet, it's because they're paralyzed by terror. I told him to wait, and see my brave, stately Lady Margaret."

She slipped her arm through mine, and we went down stairs and outside into the flower-garden. Suddenly she cried out:

"Look!—look at that tramp coming up the walk!"

A slowly, morose-looking man was walking, slowly toward us, looking curiously at the flowers and shrubbery.

"Not a man-servant on the premises," Claire whispered to me. "After dinner to-day I gave them permission to go to a funeral several miles from here. Oh, what shall we do?—and the overseer is away, too, at the races."

I can't say that I am afraid of tramps in broad daylight, but this fellow had a surly, snarling look, and I didn't like it. I wouldn't do, however, to let him see that we were frightened, so I whispered to Claire to let me speak to him, for she was shaking like a leaf.

"Mr. Gordon sent me here," he said, not even touching his hat. "I'm to do some work for him, and he said I was to stay at the overseer's."

"I don't believe him," Claire whispered. "What does he want with such a creature? Max never sent him."

"Where did you see Mr. Gordon?" I asked.

"At the races. He told me to tell the man maybe he wouldn't be at home to-night. I'm to stay at the overseer's house," he repeated, in a dogged manner.

"There's the overseer's house," gasped Claire, looking quite pale, and pointing to a low white building some distance in the field. "Go to it, my good man, and I dare say the overseer will soon come in."

He slouched off through the dusk, for it was now nearly dark, and as he passed the vine under my window, he stopped and uttered a little chuckle of amused astonishment. I heard him mutter as he moved off, "Well, if that ain't the queerest affair of a vine I ever did see!"

This speech did not make much impression on me at the time, for Claire was getting quite unnerved, and I hurried her in the house. A couple of her colored servants, the house-maid and old housekeeper, were there, and she soon recovered from her panic and became almost as lively as ever.

"The house fastens as securely as a jail," she said, "and if Max should come home, he has his pass-key. I'll keep Mima—the maid—in my room to-night. If you should get frightened, Mag—don't look so insulted—you can run down the corridor, and my room is at the end, you know. Come, and let me show you how to unfasten the door from the outside. It's a new-fashioned spring, and if you don't know the secret, you never could get in, and if you should be frightened, I'd never have the courage to get up and open it for you."

I laughed, but she dragged me upstairs, and to gratify her I mastered the secret of the wonderful spring. I was very weary from my long journey, and Claire insisted upon my retiring, but, after we reached my room, we got to talking over old times, and it was very near eleven o'clock before I was alone.

I was very sleepy, so sleepy that I didn't feel at all annoyed when I found that the outer shutter opening on the balcony had no fastening. I closed it as well as I could, and slipped into bed. I think I must have fallen asleep as soon as my head touched the pillow, for that is the last thing I remember.

I'm a very light sleeper, and I was aroused by a pitter, patter, across the floor, and a rustle among some papers on the table. I raised myself on my elbow and listened. Nothing in the room seemed to move, and the pitter and rustle were everywhere.

The mice kept up a continual clatter, but over and above it I began to hear noises outside. There was a crunching of the gravel as under some heavy tread, and under the window I heard men's low voices. I jumped up and went to the window.

"Hush, hush!" said one voice. "She'll take a fit if she hears us. We'll have to creep in quietly."

"You go through the hall," the other voice answered. "I'll take a shorter cut, and climb up here. I know the shutter has no fastening."

Like lightning I remembered the inspection the tramp had made of the vine. It was he, and an accomplice with him. I was horribly frightened, but I did not lose my senses. I was afraid to run down the corridor, for the other ruffian would be there in a moment, and besides, what protection would Claire and Mima be?

I determined to sell my life as dearly as possible, but though I groped about, I could find no missile but the pitcher and basin, and two heavy candlesticks. It was a starlight night outside, but dark as pitch within.

My heart was in my throat when I heard a kind of scramble among the vines, a low laugh, and an exclamation: "By Jingo! it's a tougher job than I bargained for!"

I heard him step over the railing of the balcony, and then saw the shutters open, and the figure of a man sharply defined in the dim light. I grasped the pitcher, and threw it with all my might; and you know, girls, I'm great on hitting a mark.

I hardly know what happened. I heard the man say, "Thunderation!" and make a rush back to the balcony; but I tell you, everything I throw at him went as straight as an arrow, and the candlesticks hit him on the head as he was striding over the baluster.

There was another "Thunderation!" a good deal louder than the first, and then I heard a crash and knew my burglar hadn't stopped to count the rounds of the ladder. I had settled him, that was certain. Then I lost all control of myself and commenced screaming just as loud as the very best of me. I threw open my door, flew down the corridor, sobbing at every step, not thinking of the burglar in the house. I got Claire's door open, and you may guess what a rumpus followed. I don't know which screamed the loudest, Claire, Mima or I, but our united voices must have been terrific.

In a moment or two, a man appeared on the threshold. "The other burglar!" I cried, seizing a chair and letting it fly at him.

"Oh, good Mr. Burglar, don't murder us! You can take anything you want," sobbed Claire, falling on her knees and hiding her face with her hands.

"You little goose!" the man said, advancing in the room, and then a bottle of essence I had seized from the table hit him plump on his shirt-bosom. "Are you all mad?" he cried. "Hold on! Claire, Claire, don't you know me?"

"Max, Max!" was all I heard, and then I saw her fly into his arms, and I sat flat down on the floor, for my strength had gone.

Claire was so hysterical she could give no explanation. "Ask Mag, she can tell you," was all she said.

"Miss Bradford, I presume," he said, smiling at me, "though I didn't expect the pleasure of meeting you to-morrow. We've had a very sharp introduction," rubbing his chest, "and I'll be much obliged if you'll tell me what you were screaming about, and why I should be met as if I was a burglar."

"Because one did climb up into my room, and—"

I was interrupted by a burst of laughter.

"It was Charlie," said Mr. Gordon. "He decided to return with me, and not expecting Miss Bradford until to-morrow, he came up into my room. The impatient fellow wouldn't wait until the door was opened. I declare, this is a capital joke!" and he fell in a chair, and laughed uproariously.

I sprang to my feet, and I can tell you, my heart was in my throat. "Mr. Gordon, Mr. Gordon," I stammered, "I'm dreadfully afraid I've hurt him with the pitcher and basin and candlesticks! I think he fell through the vine, too, for I heard a crash."

Seriously alarmed, Mr. Gordon caught up the lamp and ran down stairs, Claire following him. I remembered I had on nothing but a night gown, but I stood at the head of the steps until I heard the hall door open, and then a confusion of voices. At last Mr. Gordon laughed, and I heard him say:

"By Jove, old fellow! she nearly finished you, though, didn't she? She's spoiled your beauty for awhile, and look at his shirt-bosom. She's left her mark on us."

Putting my fingers into my ears, I fled to my room. I crept into bed, utterly wretched and humiliated. I had won glory enough for one night, surely. In a few minutes, Claire stood by my bedside, but by her voice, I could see that she was trying to restrain her laughter.

"Charlie's all right, Mag," she said, "and you mustn't worry. He deserved all he got, for coming upon you in that way. But, oh, such a face as he has!" And then she laughed long and loud. "His nose is as big as an orange, and he looks as if he had been pummeled by a prize-fighter. Go to sleep, dear. You won't need an introduction to Charlie to-morrow. I did mean you to strike him, make a deep impression, but you've surpassed my expectations."

You may imagine, girls, I didn't close my eyes that night. But the worst was going down to breakfast the next morning. Mr. Gordon was very kind, and tried to put me at my ease, but his brother was pretty still, and his face, seemed by sticking-plaster, looked like a rainbow.

I think he tried to be agreeable, but of course he must have hated me; and when something was said jestingly about my bravery, he laughed in an unpleasant, ironical manner, and said, "Miss Bradford's shrieks were courageously loud."

The man who frightened us had been hired by Mr. Gordon for a gardener. He was a poor, half-witted fellow, but understood his business thoroughly. You asked if I had a pleasant visit after that. Yes, when Mr. Charles Gordon had departed.

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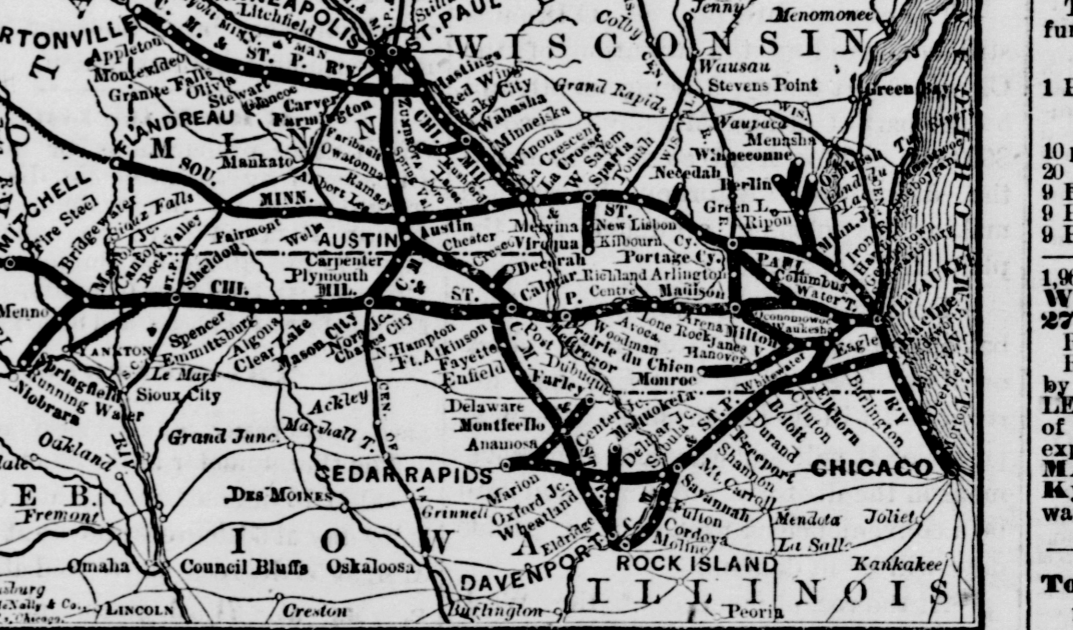


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